

## CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently Amended) A magnetic head support mechanism comprising:
  - a magnetic head;
  - gimbals for electrically connecting to the magnetic head, wherein the gimbals forming are made of a copper alloy and form a current supply path; and
  - a suspension for holding the gimbals, wherein the suspension being made of is a member having made of stainless steel or spring steel and has a rigidity higher than that of the gimbals, and wherein the suspension performs a load (press)/unload (retract) operation of the magnetic head on a recording medium by elastic deformation of the suspension.
2. (Previously Presented) A magnetic head support mechanism according to Claim 1, wherein the suspension is formed by a plate member thicker than the gimbals.
3. (Previously Presented) A magnetic head support mechanism according to Claim 1, wherein the suspension does not form the current supply path to the magnetic head.
4. and 5. Cancelled
6. (Previously Presented) A magneto-optical recording apparatus comprising:

a magnetic head support mechanism according to Claim 1; and  
an optical head which irradiates a magnetic field applying region of  
the recording medium, to which a magnetic field generated by the magnetic head of the  
magnetic head support mechanism is applied, with a light beam.